Governor's Advisory Council on Asian Pacific American Affairs December 7, 2007 Meeting Summary

The Governor's Advisory Council on Asian Pacific American Affairs held its December meeting at the Michigan School of Professional Psychology in Farmington Hills with H. Sook Wilkinson, Ph.D. presiding. This meeting included a presentation by Mr. Alberto Flores and Ms. Pravina Ramanathan, both of Michigan Department of Civil Rights, on Cultural Competence.

Council member Mumtaz Haque was nominated and elected to serve as Communications Committee chair, succeeding Ms. Remiblanca Kuklewski. Ms. Kuklewski continues to serve the Council as a general member.

The Council received draft copies of operational guidelines and member orientation procedures for review and future action.

The Civil Rights, Health, Education and Immigration Committees presented reports on recent activity and announcements.

Other business and announcements: ACAPAA is collaborating with Council of Asian Pacific Americans (CAPA) on a Leadership Summit which will take place next year in September. The Council also intends to participate in the 2008 UNITED conference and conduct its October meeting in Marquette. Plans are not finalized.

Next meeting of the Council is February 1 in Troy at Automation Alley. ACAPAA meetings begin at 9 a.m. and end at 12 Noon.

The Governor's Advisory Council on Asian Pacific American Affairs was created by a May 2005, Executive Order (No.2005 – 10) from Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, to advise the Governor and the Department of Civil Rights on policy matters pertaining to Asian and Pacific Americans in Michigan. H. Sook Wilkinson, Ph.D, was appointed Chair of the Council, which was placed administratively inside the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. A copy of the Governor's Executive Order is available on the Governor's website at http://www.michigan.gov/gov.